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1 SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened  
3 to learn of the death of Jordan B. Rifis, who passed away on  
4 February 20, 2025 at the age of 79; and

5 WHEREAS, Jordan Rifis was born to Albert and Edith Rifis  
6 in Chicago on March 26, 1945; he was educated at Austin High  
7 School, and he attended Roosevelt University, where he earned  
8 a Bachelor of Arts with a focus on literature, writing, and law  
9 in 1968; he later received his Juris Doctor from the DePaul  
10 University College of Law in 1971; and

11 WHEREAS, Jordan Rifis began his legal career in insurance  
12 law but soon left that work to pursue his true passion,  
13 fighting for the underdog; and

14 WHEREAS, Jordan Rifis practiced family law, workers'  
15 compensation, and personal injury law for more than 50 years,  
16 never retiring and offering his clients thorough  
17 representation until the very end of his life; and

18 WHEREAS, Jordan Rifis was known for taking on clients who  
19 had been rejected by other attorneys, finding pride in  
20 applying the law to protect the vulnerable; he was always an  
21 advocate for justice, compassion, and fairness, and his career

1 left a lasting mark on countless lives; and

2 WHEREAS, Jordan Rifis enjoyed spending time with his  
3 Tuesday Golf Club, monthly poker nights, and the Unitarian  
4 Universalist Congregation in Oak Park; these communities  
5 provided him with lasting friendships, travel experiences  
6 across the country, and meaningful exchanges of ideas and  
7 perspectives; and

8 WHEREAS, Jordan Rifis' friends will especially miss his  
9 warmth, his humor, and his presence as an articulate, ardent  
10 Democrat; and

11 WHEREAS, Jordan Rifis is survived by his wife of 37 years,  
12 Paula Cox; his sister, Lana (Al) Kushinsky; his children,  
13 Jennifer (Mark) Meng, Justin (Elizabeth) Rifis, and Jared  
14 (Morgan) Rifis; and his grandchildren, Jordyn, Nicholas,  
15 Quinn, Zoe, and Hudson; therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL  
17 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
18 Jordan B. Rifis and extend our sincere condolences to his  
19 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it  
20 further

21 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be

1 presented to the family of Jordan Rifis as an expression of our  
2 deepest sympathy.